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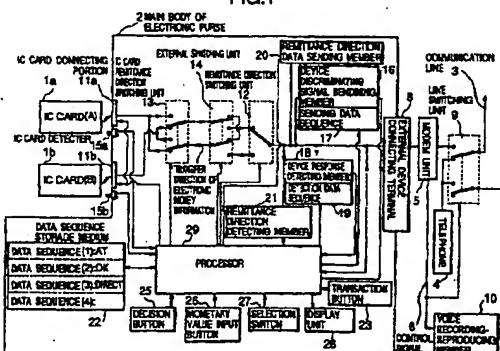
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## (54) Electronic purse

(57) A processor 29 automatically sets a direction of transferring electronic money information depending on the existence of IC cards 1a, 1b connected to IC card

connecting portions 11a, 11b, and the existence of an external device connected to an external device connecting terminal 8, thus making instructing operations for transferring electronic money information easier.

FIG.1





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1. Claims: 1-8

Electronic purse comprising switching means so that electronic money can be received and sent between the IC card reading and writing means and the external device connecting terminal and an external device detecting means for detecting a response from the external device connected to the external device connecting terminal.

2. Claims: 9-10

Electronic purse comprising means for sending information regarding the construction of the electronic purse before sending electronic money information through the external device connecting terminal.

3. Claim : 11

Electronic purse comprising a lump-sum remittance button and a lump-sum remittance button operation detecting means.

4. Claims: 12-13

An electronic purse comprising a lump-sum drawing button.

5. Claim : 14

An electronic purse comprising a transaction button, numerical input means, an instruction decision button, a remittance direction detecting means.

6. Claims: 15-16

An electronic purse comprising a modem, a transaction button, telephone receiver means for outputting voice information received through a communication line.

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